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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
BROCK ADAMS

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1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF REMARKS TO BE MADE BY
SECRETARY ADAMS ON OCCASION OF WREATHLAYING AT LINDBERGH
TOUCH-DOWN PLAQUE AT LE BOURGET JUNE 4 (REFTEL PARA 6).
REQUEST DOT REACTION SOONEST TO PERMIT TRANSLATION INTO
FRENCH FOR HANDOUT TO PRESS AND TV CREWS COVERING CERE-
MONY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

"MR. MINISTER AND FRIENDS

CHARLES LINDBERGH AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES, TWO OF WHOM
ARE PRESENT HERE THIS MORNING, PROVED THE FEASIBILITY
OF TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT. AS PIONEERS IN WHAT WAS AT THE
TIME A VERY DANGEROUS UNDERTAKING - WITH PERHAPS ONLY A
30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SUCCESS AND SURVIVAL - THEY HAVE
EARNED THE GRATITUDE OF ALL MANKIND.

IN THE PAST HALF CENTURY, TRANSOCEANIC AND TRANSCONTI-
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NENTAL AIR TRAVEL HAS BEEN RENDERED NOT ONLY SAFE BUT
COMMONPLACE. IT HAS ENABLED MILLIONS OF ORDINARY PEO-
PLE TO EXPLORE ALL CORNERS OF OUR PLANET. IT HAS AC-
CELERATED THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMING THE HUMAN RACE
FROM ISOLATED POCKETS OF IGNORANCE INTO A GLOBAL COMMU-
NITY. IF IT HAS INCREASED OUR ABILITY TO DESTROY ONE
ANOTHER, IT HAS ALSO IMMEASURABLY ENHANCED OUR OPPORTU-

NITIES FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

IN THE PAST TWO DECADES, OUR HORIZONS HAVE BROADENED FROM PLANETARY TO INTERPLANETARY EXPLORATION. IT IS FITTING THAT OUR TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY BE THUS CHALLENGED AND EXTENDED. LET US NOT FORGET, HOWEVER, THAT OUR GOAL OF GLOBAL HARMONY THROUGH THE GLOBAL INTERCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS REMAINS UNACHIEVED. LET US BUILD ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONTGOLFIER, BLERIOT, NUNGESSER AND COLY, LINDBERGH, BELLONTE, LOTTI, AND COUNTLESS OTHER IMAGINATIVE PIONEERS OF MORE RECENT TIMES - INCLUDING THE DEVELOPERS OF THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONCORDE - TO CONTINUE IN PURSUIT OF THIS GOAL. THIS IMPRESSIVE PARIS AIR SHOW, WHICH OPENED YESTERDAY, IS SYMBOLIC OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL GROWTH PROCESS IN WHICH MANKIND IS ETERNALLY ENGAGED.

AS THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT CARTER HERE TODAY, LET ME EXPRESS THE HOPE AND CONVICTION THAT WITH THE RIGHT BLEND OF COOPERATION AND COMPETITION WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR COMMON AIM OF GLOBAL HARMONY THROUGH GLOBAL INTERCHANGE. LET US COMPLETE THE WORK WHICH CHARLES LINDBERGH SO DEEPLY CHERISHED AND SO VALIANTLY ADVANCED.
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